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1. DELEGATED FOR NICARAGUA WHO ATTENDED MEXICO MEETING ON NAMUCAR

WERE LED BY VICE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE ATLANTIC COAST REMY RENER AND INCLUDED SANTOS VANEGAS GUTIERREZ, HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL STAFF; MEMBERS OF MEXICO CITY EMBASSY; AND FOUR TECHNICAL ADVISERS FROM PORT AUTHORITIES AND STEAMSHIP LINES. SAME MANAGUA DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY BE SENT TO SAN JOSE FOR MAY 26 MEETING.

- 2. VANEGAS DESCRIBED MEETING AS DISORGANIZED--DOCUMENTS WERE NOT AVAILABLE IN FIRST DAYS--AND HAZY. PARTICIPATION OF CUBA NOT ONLY INTRODUCED USUAL POLITICAL SEMANTICS BUT ALSO PROBLEMS ON STRUCTURE OF PROPOSED SHIPPING LINE PARTICULARLY WHETHER PRIVATE CAPITAL WILL PARTICIPATE. SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE, HOWEVER, AND PROPOSED CHARTER IS SUPPOSED TO BE AVAILABLE AT SAN JOSE MEETING. IT APPEARS THAT PROPOSAL WILL INCLUDE INITIAL CAPITAL-IZATION OF NAMUCAR AT \$20 MILLION WITH TWO TYPES OF SHARES. TYPE A WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY TO GOVERNMENTS WHILE B SHARES CAN BE SOLD TO NATIONALS (NO FOREIGN CAPITAL PERMITTED) OF MEMBER COUNTRIES.
- 3. ACCORDING TO VANEGAS, HOPES THAT A CHARTER CAN BE SIGNED AT SAN JOSE ARE UNREALISTIC. IN NICARAGUA AND PRESUMABLY IN MOST OTHER COUNTRIES, GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS WILL RQUIRE A BUDGETARY PROCESS AND LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL. HE SAID THAT WHILE NICARAGUA IS NOT A SUPPORTER OF NAMUCAR AND OPPOSES EXTENSION OF ITS SERVICE TO PACIFIC PORTS, IT WILL HAVE TO PARTICIPTE IN ORDER TO PROTECT ITS CARIBBEAN MARKETS PARTICULARLY AS ATLANTIC PORTS ARE DEVELOPED.

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